



Erie Art Museum

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For Immediate Release

Lecture at Erie Art Museum by “Visual Activist” Susan Shie

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Special Events Room, Erie Art Museum

Free and open to public

February 21, 2017 Susan Shie is a feminist painter, social commentator, and quilt artist, who cares deeply about social justice. Her work reflects everything from events in her personal life, to broad issues like human rights, climate change, and world politics. She is warm, down-to-earth, and promises to deliver a talk full of stories, wisdom, and the artist’s role in speaking truth to power. Based in Wooster, Ohio, Shie has exhibited, presented, and taught nationally and internationally since 1986. She is one of the artists featured in *Earth Stories*, a traveling exhibit now on view at the Erie Art Museum, which showcases works from 24 contemporary international fiber artists, each inspired by issues of environmental concern.

Shie has won major artist fellowships from the Ohio Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, and was named Teacher of the Year in 2008 from *Professional Quilter Magazine*.

Shie teaches drawing and painting classes in person and online, pushing her students to trust that the art they make is perfect, the way it naturally comes out of them. She believes that there are no rules in what art should look like. Her degrees are a BA in Painting from the College of Wooster and an MFA in Painting from the School of Art of Kent State University.

Images of Susan Shie and her art:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2nq5nl995zEb3hJb1RBSnFUbkU?usp=sharing>

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie’s cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, ‘Green,’ 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk

art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the popular summer program, Mid Day Art Break, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Winter hours for the café are 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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